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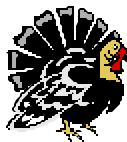
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady with a firm undertone. No trading was reported. Offerings were limited. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate, instances good. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were light to barely adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow and centered on limited volume of thigh meat. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 13, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT 14, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	82.00	81.70 **	74.54
CENTRAL REGION	83.38 **	83.00	76.22
WESTERN REGION	86.00	78.75	76.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	81.50	79.70 **	74.54
CENTRAL REGION	80.38 **	79.33	75.94
WESTERN REGION	80.00	81.50	75.75

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-85

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Oct 17, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	89.59	421,000
16-24 lbs.	89.55	44,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:	495,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 08-Oct-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	782	2	24.15	(A)	784	24.15
South Atlantic	746	-5	28.17	(A)	748	28.17
North Central	2,163	-2	30.78	(A)	2,165	30.78
South Central	635	-3	20.59	(A)	637	20.59
West	391	16	24.06	(A)	392	24.06
U.S. total	4,717(B)	-1	27.34	9	4,726	27.34

To-date

2005 174,940(B) 177 175,117

To-date

2004 173,296(B) 292 173,588

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 941,000; for last year to date 2,080,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September 457,310*

October 1 - 8, 2005 103,373*

To date 2005 3,979,277*

To date 2004 3,898,963*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 08-Oct-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,955	2,749	13	9	4,726
Avg Wt	16.25	35.22	27.53	27.53	27.34
Last week	2,064	2,667	13	8	4,752
Same wk yr ago	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
Avg Wt	15.89	36.11	25.24	41.94	28.22
To-date/2005	70,790	103,209	941	177	175,117
To-date/2004	69,037	102,179	2,080	292	173,588

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 OCTOBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings was steady to barely steady, tom necks and full-cut wings steady to firm. Inquiry on tom drums was moderate to good with buyer resistance noted at current market levels. Demand on the balance of bulk parts was slow to instances good, mostly moderate. Offerings of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate, tom necks and full-cut wings short to light. Trading moderate on fresh tom breast meat and tom wings, balance slow. For domestic: drummettes 42, fresh tom wings 43-45 mostly 45 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	119.00		119.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	144.14	70
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	117.00		117.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.11	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	45.00	60
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00-47.00		46.95	123
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	41.00		41.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	45.00-47.00		45.81	215
NECKS, HEN	37.00		37.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	258.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	307.00-310.00		308.29	280
THIGH MEAT		F	94.83	48
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	98.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	168.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	115.00		115.00	30
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	230.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	249.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	70.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	22.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	45.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.57	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	32.00		32.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	94.40	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady as supplies became more available. Destrapped tenders, scapula and wing meat with skin were steady and supplies mostly adequate. Less than trucklot quantities of fresh scapula moved at 126-129 cents delivered. Demand on white meat items was mostly moderate. Ground turkey packed 2/10 traded at 74 cents. Export activity was light. Fresh tom drums moved at open prices for next week's delivery.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	117.00		117.00	16	118.43	56
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	144.14	70	144.14	70
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	117.00	80	117.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	46.11	45	47.00	85
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	80	45.57	140
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	6	42.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	45.00		45.00	80	45.89	403
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	41.00	15	41.00	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	43.00-47.00		44.20	200	44.24	261
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	80	46.56	575
NECKS, HEN		R	37.00	6	36.50	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	258.00	40	258.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	310.00		310.00	200	308.92	520
THIGH MEAT		F	94.83	48		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	98.00	30	98.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	168.00	40	168.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	113.00		113.00	160	113.61	230
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	240.00		240.00	40	240.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	40	70.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	244.00		244.00	83	245.38	129
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	30	24.00	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	23.00-26.00		24.41	51	23.25	146
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	45.00	104	44.72	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	32.00	80	32.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	26.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	40	94.50	240

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